



Kent County Council Staff

The Second World War

1939 - 1945

The following members of the Kent County Council Staff are known to have died during the Second World War. At the end of each of the brief commemorations the Council Department last worked in prior to their respective deaths has also been added. Prime source for these commemorations is the book 'Kent ~The County Administration in War 1939~1945,' which was published by Kent County Council in December 1946. All minor errors noted in the book, plus additional information accessed by the transcriber, whilst researching the following casualties has been added to that which is contained within the book. Included amongst the additional information are more Kent County Council staff casualties, who were unfortunately omitted from the 1946 publication. Inevitably by their very nature, it will mean that some of the Kent County Council staff who are briefly commemorated below, will also be commemorated on other either Kent (or elsewhere) war memorials, or other forms of remembrance of their loss. Others will be remembered on regimental rolls of honour etcetera which we are at the this point in time (March 2008) under constructing for inclusion on this website, plus others which commemorate As with those who lost their lives in the categories described above, we are also in the process of compiling a roll of honour to commemorate the civilians who lost their lives in Kent during the Second World War, and as such in the fullness of time the Kent County Council staff who civilian were not in the armed forces that lost their lives during the years of conflict will also be recorded on the latter form of remembrance. Needless to say that should any other Kent County Council staff casualty be revealed at some point of time in the future, to have lost their life during or resultant of the Second World War they too will of course be added to this Roll of Honour.

Roll of Honour

ALEXANDER, F.E. Private. As recorded in the book referred to above, might have been erroneously done so by the use of a wrong initial. Arguably the closest match is the following soldier whose places of birth and residence are as accessed from his entry in/on Army Roll of Honour-World War II. Mention is made of same as it has been noticed by the transcriber when researching Kent war memorials, and other forms of the counties war remembrance, that many casualties shown as being natives or residents of South East London, and in many cases both, are shown to have been born or living in the North Western area of Kent, e.g. Chislehurst, Crayford, Erith, Sidcup, and Swanley areas.

ALEXANDER, ERIC HERBERT. Private, 6090106.

1/6th Battalion, The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey).

Died Friday 9 March 1945. Aged 29.

Born and resided South East London.

Buried Berlin 1939-1945 Cemetery, Germany. Grave Ref: 11. C. 6.

Pre war member of The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey).

(Public Assistance Department).

AUSTEN, WILLIAM ERNEST. Sergeant.

Police War Reserve.

Died Monday 23 March 1942. Aged 57.

Husband of Alice E. Austen (nee King) of 25, Pencester Road, Dover, Kent.

Commemorated in the Dover, Kent, Second World War, Book of Remembrance is currently held at the Dover Museum, Market Square, Dover, Kent, CT16 1PB. William was one of the four people who died at the Conservative Club, Dover, Kent, during an air raid by four Junkers JU-88 bombers just before 2100 hours on the evening of 23 March 1942; at which time he was in the company of Police Constable Percy William Sneller, who like William is commemorated in the Dover, Kent, Second World War Book of Remembrance. William was a Dover Borough Councillor at the time of his demise, and was a former Deputy Mayor.

(County Police).

AVRAMACHIS, VICTOR TIMOLEON SAMUEL. D.C.M., M.M. Sergeant.

Home Guard.

Died Friday 8 November 1940. Aged 43.

Born Walworth, Surrey.

Husband of Marguerite Avramachis of 100 Wheeler Street, Maidstone, Kent.

Victor died at Beaverwood House, Chislehurst, Kent.

During the Great War, Victor had served as a Serjeant in the 24th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment, (The Queen's).

(Public Assistance Department).

BARTY, WILLIAM EDWARD HEATON. Pilot Officer, 187752.

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 429 Squadron, Royal Air Force.

Died Wednesday 6 December 1944.

Born Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial. Panel 210. (County Police).

BENNETT, JACK DIGHTON. Ordinary Seaman, C/JX 332202.

Royal Navy, H.M.S. Dasher.

Died Saturday 27 March 1943. Aged 27.

Son of Ernest Dighton Bennett and Kate Ethel Bennett of Woolwich, London.

Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 70, Column 2.

Built at Sun Shipbuilding, Chester. Pennsylvania., U.S.A., and laid down as the U.S. mercantile vessel 'Rio de Janeiro.' She was converted to an escort carrier on 12 April 1941 and named BAVG-5, after which she was transferred to the Royal Navy on completion 1 July 1942 and commissioned 1 July 1942. She was basically similar to the 'Archer' Class, but differed sufficiently to be regarded as a separate class. All in her class were converted in the U.S.A. from mercantile hulls. When Avenger and Biter first arrived in the United Kingdom they went immediately into dockyard hands to have their flight-decks lengthened by 42 feet to allow Swordfish aircraft to take off with a full load of weapons and fuel. H.M.S. Dasher supported the North African landings in November 1942. This was the last time the Sea Hurricane was used during 'Operation Torch,' the amphibious assault on North Africa. Sea Hurricanes of 800 and 801 squadron flew off of H.M.S. Biter, while H.M.S. Dasher carried Sea Hurricanes of 835 squadron. The Sea Hurricanes were very successful in protecting the beachheads against the French, with five Dewoitine D.520s being shot down and a further 47 aircraft destroyed on the ground. Once the invasion had taken hold, the carriers withdrew, leaving the job of air cover to the R.A.F. and the U.S.A.A.F. Subsequently H.M.S. Dasher was destroyed by an accidental aviation fuel explosion in the river Clyde, off the Isle of Arran, Scotland on 27 March. 1943, resulting in the deaths of 379 sailors including Alan. The wreck of H.M.S. Dasher is located in the Firth of Clyde, to the south of Little Cumbrae Island, Scotland.

(County Police).

BLOOMFIELD, KENNETH GEORGE. Gunner, 892770.

164 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery.

Died Saturday 14 November 1942. Aged 25.

Born Sussex. Resided Kent.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 34.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

(Building Department).

BOWDEN, RONALD SYDNEY. Flying Officer (Navigator), 142347.

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 576 Squadron, Royal Air Force.

Died Saturday 4 December 1943. Aged 30.

Born Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Son of Thomas and Ellen Bowden (nee Daniel).

Husband of Ethel Ada Bowden of Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

Buried Berlin 1939-45 War Cemetery, Germany. Grave Ref: 6. H. 4.

Ronald's birth was registered in the Malling district of Kent during the third quarter of 1913.

(County Police).

BRADDICK, WILLIAM GEORGE. Sergeant.

Kent County Constabulary.

Died Saturday 5 August 1944. Aged 37.

Born Gravesend, Kent.

Son of Mr. William Stanley Braddick of 5, Cecil Road, Gravesend, Kent.

Husband of Alice Olive Braddick.

William died at 2 Elmfield Villas, Malling Road, Snodland, Kent. (County Police).

BRANSBY, WILLIAM ALBERT.

Died Thursday 22 October 1942. Aged 59.

Resided at 92A, High Street, Deal, Kent.

William died at the High Street, Deal, Kent.

It would appear that Amy Agnes Bransby aged 54, who was the widow of Edwin W. Smith, and probably William's wife died with him during the same incident.

(County Police).

BRENCHLEY. PETER REGINALD DANN. Flight Sergeant (Pilot), 1390498.

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 358 Squadron, Royal Air Force

Died Tuesday 29 May 1945.

Son of Reginald W. and Lucy Brenchley (nee Dann) of Laddingford, Yalding, Maidstone, Kent.

Buried Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand. Grave Ref: 2. C. 77.

Commemorated on the Yalding, Maidstone, Kent, civic war memorial.

(Public Health Department).

BRYANT, KEITH. Sergeant (Pilot), 1151896.

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 49 Squadron, Royal Air Force

Died Tuesday 11 November 1941. Aged 21.

Son of Shipwright Lieutenant, Frederick Alfred Bryant, R.N., and Florence Emily Bryant (nee Moore) of Gillingham, Kent.

Buried Rainham (St. Margaret) Churchyard, Kent. Grave Ref: Row 35. Grave Y.

(Finance Department).

BUCKWELL, PETER NOEL WYLIE. Major, 124705.

2nd Battalion, The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).

Died Friday 23 October 1942. Aged 20.

Born and resided Kent.

Son of Herbert Leighton Buckwell and Thelma C. Buckwell (nee Wylie) of Folkestone, Kent.

Buried El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref: XXI. H. 15.

Commemorated on the Folkestone, Kent, civic war memorial, and on the Harvey Grammar School, Cheriton Road, Folkestone, Kent, Second World War memorial plaque.

Pre war member of The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).

(Education Department).

CANDLER, CECIL GEORGE R. Sergeant, 1264286.

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 227 Squadron, Royal Air Force.

Died Saturday 14 November 1942. Aged 30.

Son of Cecil George and Annie Eliza Cantler (nee Jones) of Ashford, Kent.

Husband of Doris Eileen Cantler of Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial. Cecil was a pupil at Ashford Grammar School 1923-1929, where he is commemorated in the school Book of Remembrance, and is also commemorated on the Malta Memorial. Panel 3. Column 2.

227 Squadron, Royal Air Force was reformed at R.A.F. Luqa, Malta, on 20 August 1942, when No. 235 Squadron equipped with Beaufighters was re-numbered No. 227. Cecil's squadron had long-range fighter role and was mainly employed on offensive sweeps and convoy escort duties in the Mediterranean and Aegean areas.

Brother of the next man commemorated. (Education Department).

CANDLER, PETER THORNE. Flight Lieutenant
(Wireless Operator/Air Gunner) 77270. (Mentioned in Despatches).
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 142 Squadron Royal Air Force.
Died Saturday 30 May 1942. Aged 26.

Son of Cecil George and Annie Eliza Candler (nee Jones) of Ashford, Kent.

Commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial.

Peter Candler Way on the Little Burton Farm Estate, Kennington, Ashford is named in his honour; he is also commemorated in the Ashford Grammar School Book of Remembrance having been a pupil at the school between 1929 and 1933.

Buried Rheinberg War Cemetery, Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany. Grave Ref: 6. C. 18. Peter was a crew member of Wellington bomber Z1208 QT-S, which was flown by 24 year old Sergeant (Pilot), Noël A. Lowden, of Palmers Green, Middlesex, that took off from R.A.F. Grimsby, Lincolnshire at 2306 hours on 29 May 1942, to take part on the now famous 1000 bomber raid on Köln (Cologne), Germany. Although remembered and named in history as the "1000 Bomber Raid on Cologne," an even greater number of aircraft actually took part, totaling 1,047, with the 602 Wellington's that were engaged on the 30/31 May being the most prolific of the bombers, but of the 41 aircraft lost on the raid 29 were Wellington's. Crews that submitted reports claiming to have bombed the city numbered 898 at which time a staggering 1,455 tons of bombs were dropped, of which two-thirds were incendiaries resulting in about 2,500 separate fires, including 1,700 classified as serious. Nearly 13,000 buildings were damaged or destroyed and almost 500 citizens of the city of Cologne died, just over 5,000 were injured and 45,132 bombed out, although the exact fate of all on the ground is not fully known. Similarly to the city's populace fate not being clear, the exact fate of Peter's aircraft is also still unclear; all five of the Wellington's crew are buried in the same cemetery.

(Roads Department).

CARPENTER, MAGGIE EVELYN.

Civil Nursing Reserve.

Died Sunday 15 September 1940. Aged 44.

Resided at 8 St. John's Road, Penge, Kent.

Daughter of Dr. George Henry Waugh of Earnock, Albert Street, Rugby, Warwickshire.

Maggie died at her home 8, St. John's Road, Penge, Kent, during an enemy bombing raid. Post war collated statistics revealed that during the Second World War, per square mile Penge had the most heavily bombed area of London and Kent, apart from the East End. For the most part, the Penge Urban District Second World War civilian deaths fall into two distinct periods of time, they being the men women and children who lost their lives during the 1940 bombing raids, and the victims of German flying bombs in 1944.

(Public Health Department).

CHAPMAN, CHARLES EDWARD. Lance Corporal, 5677387.

7th Battalion, Somerset Light Infantry.

Died Monday 3 July 1944. Aged 28.

Born and resided Kent.

Son of Henry and Olive Chapman.

Husband of Cissie May Chapman of Beaumont Terrace, Station Road, Faversham, Kent.

Buried St. Manvieu War Cemetery, Calvados, France. Grave Ref: X. G. 17.

Commemorated in the Faversham, Kent, Second World War Book of Remembrance, located in the parish church of St. Mary of Charity, Faversham.

Prior to enlisting in the army, Charles who was known to all and sundry as Jim was employed in the Public Assistance Department of the Kent County Council at Bensted House, Faversham. After leaving school and prior to being employed by K.C.C., 'Jim' had worked on a local farm.

CHAPMAN, FREDERICK. Constable.

Police War Reserve.

Died Tuesday 20 June 1944. Aged 49.

Son of the late Joseph and Fanny Chapman of Greenwich, London.

Husband of Edith Mary Chapman of Lillys, Chelsfield, Kent.

Frederick was injured at his home Lillys, Chelsfield; and died of his injuries later the same day whilst a patient at the County Hospital, Farnborough, Kent.

(County Police).

CLEMETT, JOHN ALFRED. Sergeant, 751589.

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 102 Squadron Royal Air Force.

Died Sunday 15 December 1940. Aged 20.

Born Devon.

Son of John William and Rosina Maud Clemett (nee Gaffin) of Gillingham, Kent.

Commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial. Panel 12.

(County Clerk's Department).

CLOKE, STUART HENRY. Lieutenant, 316071.

General List.

Died Sunday 1 April 1945. Aged 41.

Born and resided Essex. (Please see below).

Son of Thomas Henry and Elizabeth Cloke.

Husband of Grace Emily Lillian Cloke of Hawkhurst, Kent.

Buried Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany.

Grave Ref: 53. D. 2.

Commemorated on the Hawkhurst, Kent, civic war memorial.

Places of birth and residency are as accessed from Stuart's entry in/on the Army Roll of Honour-World War II, which as is the case with its Great War equivalent it is known to contain several errors. It was seem likely that Stuart was numbered amongst those with an erroneous entry, as the birth of a Stuart Henry Cloke was registered in the Cranbrook District of Kent during the last quarter of 1903.

(County Police).

COLLARD, FREDERICK JAMES.

Died Saturday 5 August 1944. Aged 46.

Born Dover, Kent.

Son of the late William and Annie Louise Collard of Temple Farm, Temple Ewell, Dover, Kent.

Husband of Marjorie Collard (nee Hadlow) of Alpha, Malling Road, Snodland, Kent.

Frederick died at Malling Road, Snodland, Kent. (County Police).

CONSTABLE, CECIL GEORGE. Police Constable.

Died Monday 18 May 1942. Aged 41.

Son of Richard and Emily Constable of 13, Lodge Road, Tonbridge, Kent.

Husband of Irene Constable of 91, Canada Road, Walmer, Kent.

Cecil died at his home 91, Canada Road, Walmer, Kent.

(County Police).

COVELL, GEORGE THOMAS ROBERT. Serjeant, 6342918.

1st Battalion, The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).

Died Saturday 17 June 1944. Aged 28.

Born and resided Kent.

Son of George and Chrise Covell (nee Langdon) of Chatham, Kent.

Buried Arezzo War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref: II. C. 13.

Pre war member of The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).

(Public Health Department).

CRUDDUCK, KENNETH AMOS. M.M. Corporal, 1870089.
2 Field Squadron, Royal Engineers.
Died Friday 3 October 1941. Aged 26.
Born North London. Resided London.
Buried Khayat War Cemetery, Israel. Grave Ref: B. B. 14. (County Police).

CRAMPTON, LEONARD ROBERT. Flying Officer (Pilot) 124479
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 156 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Tuesday 27 July 1943. Aged 22.
Resided Palmarsch Crescent, Hythe, Kent.
Buried Hamburg Cemetery, Germany. Grave Ref: Collective grave 4A.H.1-7.
Commemorated on the Hythe, Kent, civic war memorial, and on the Second World War memorial plaque located at the Harvey Grammar School, Folkestone, Kent.
(Education Department).

CROSSLEY, EDMUND FORBES. Pilot Officer, 174670.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 57 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Wednesday 19 April 1944. Aged 34.
Son of Edmund and Georgina Forbes Crossley.
Husband of Doris Edith Crossley of Pembury, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
Commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial. Panel 210, and on Second World War memorial plaque located in the parish church of St. Peter, Pembury, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
(Public Assistance Department).

CUSWORTH, JOHN FREDERICK. Flying Officer (Navigator), 148746.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Died Monday 31 January 1944. Aged 31.
Son of Harry and Clara Cusworth (nee Dearnley) of Pudsey, Yorkshire.
Husband of Grace Edna Cusworth of Pudsey, Yorkshire.
Commemorated Leeds (Lawns Wood) Crematorium, Otley Road, Adel Leeds, Yorkshire, LS16 6AH. Ref: Screen Wall. Panel 1.
(County Police).

DICKINSON, WILLIAM GEORGE. Serjeant.
Folkestone Borough Police.
Died Friday 15 September 1944. Aged 49.
Husband of Margaret Ann Dickinson of 29, Walton Gardens, Folkestone, Kent.
William died at his home; 29, Walton Gardens, Folkestone, Kent, during an enemy bombing raid.
(County Police).

DOCHERTY, THOMAS. Private, 44295.
9 Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps.
Died Sunday 23 February 1941. Aged 34.
Husband of Ivy Docherty of Sheffield, Yorkshire.
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 82.
Regretably there is no relevant entry for Thomas in/on the Army Roll of Honour-World War II.
(Public Health Department).

DOWLING, REGINALD WALTER. Police Constable.
Police War Reserve.
Died Sunday 18 April 1943. Aged 49.
Husband of Edith Maud Dowling of 59 Northgate Street, Canterbury, Kent.
Reginald had been injured on 1 June 1942 at Canterbury, Kent, during an enemy air raid, and died whilst a patient at the Isolation Hospital, Canterbury, Kent on 18 April 1943.
(County Police).

DREW, THOMAS JOHN. Pilot Officer (Pilot), 174635.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 101 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Thursday 4 May 1944. Aged 32.
Son of Thomas Charles and Emma Drew.
Husband of Olive Mary Drew of Sevenoaks, Kent.
Buried Dravegny Churchyard, Aisne, France. Grave Ref: Collective grave 3. (Public Assistance Department).

DURMAN, JESSE. E. Police Constable.
Police War Reserve.
Died Saturday 23 May 1942.
Resided 43, Heathfield Avenue, Dover, Kent.
Husband of J. M. S. Durman.
Jesse in hospital at Dover, Kent.
(County Police).
For far more comprehensive details appertaining to Jeesse, please also see the excellent Dover War Memorial Project website.

ELLIOTT, ALFRED EDWARD. Despatch Rider.
Civil Defence.
Died Friday 16 March 1945. Aged 43.
Husband of E. Elliott of 15, Bloomfield Road, Bromley, Kent.
Alfred died at Bromley, Kent.
(Air Raid Protection Department).

FANCETT, DENYS GERALD. Private, 6346283.
4th Battalion, Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.
Died Wednesday 29 May 1940. Aged 21.
Born and resided Kent.
Son of Alfred W. Fancett and of Beatrice A. Fancett (nee Daniels) of Sevenoaks, Kent.
Husband of Doris Mary Fancett of Sevenoaks, Kent.
Commemorated on the Dunkirk Memorial, Nord, France. Column 113.
Pre war member of the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.
(Public Assistance Department).

FARRELL, THOMAS JAMES. Constable.
Kent County Constabulary.
Died Friday 1 November 1940. Aged 38.
Husband of Lilian A. Farrell of 106 Chipstead Lane, Riverhead, Sevenoaks, Kent.
Thomas died at London Road, Riverhead, Sevenoaks, Kent.
(County Police).

FOWLER, DONALD CROSBY. Sergeant (Pilot), 748529.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 255 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Saturday 16 August 1941. Aged 21.
Son of Frederick and Lilian Elizabeth Fowler of Gillingham, Kent.
Buried Gillingham (Woodlands) Cemetery, Kent.
Grave Ref: Section A. Grave 167.
(Finance Department).

GIGGER, DERRICK JOHN. Pilot Officer (Pilot), 173328.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 625 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Thursday 16 March 1944. Aged 21.
Son of John Henry and Elsie Winifred Gigger (nee Hussey) of Eynsford, Dartford, Kent.
Buried Dannes, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: Row B. Grave 2.
It was noted that Derrick is not commemorated on the Second World War memorial plaque located in the parish church of St. Martin, Eynsford, Kent.
(Public Assistance Department).

GLYNN, KENNETH ARTHUR. Sergeant (Pilot), 1174909.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 258 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Saturday 7 February 1942. Aged 20.
Son of Lieutenant-Commander (S) Albert Edward Glynn R.N. and Cressie May Glynn of Hempton, Norfolk.
Commemorated on the Singapore Memorial. Column 415.
Kenneth's brother, Sub-Lieutenant Glyn Roy Glynn of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve also died on during the Second World War, on 26 January 1945, and is at rest in Fakenham Cemetery, Norfolk.
(Education Department).

GREENSTREET, FREDERICK ERNEST. Lance Corporal, 14245460.
53 Divisional Provost Company, Corps of Military Police.
Died Friday 21 July 1944. Aged 29.
Born and resided Kent.
Son of Horace and Elizabeth Greenstreet of Faversham, Kent.
Husband of Joan Elizabeth Sylvester Greenstreet of Folkestone, Kent.
Buried Brouay War Cemetery, Calvados, France. Grave Ref: III. D. 7.
It would seem that the army had got it right when attesting Frederick to the Corps of Military Police, as prior to his army enlistment he had been a serving officer in the Kent Police Force.

HADLOW, RONALD. Flight Sergeant, 1802151.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 224 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Saturday 26 February 1944.
Son of Albert Tylden Hadlow and Ellen Mills Hadlow of Bells Yew Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
Husband of Joan Millicent Hadlow.
Commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial. Panel 271.
(Public Health Department).

HANDS, JOHN. Flight Sergeant, 1390983.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 415 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Thursday 13 July 1944. Aged 32.
Son of Uriah and Lavinia Hands.
Husband of Marjorie M. E. Hands of Hythe, Kent.
Commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial. Panel 218.
(County Police).

HARLING, JOHN EDWARD. Sergeant, 1399617.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 515 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Sunday 27 August 1944. Aged 27.
Son of John A. and Margaret Ann Harling (nee Mallard).
Husband of Vivien Marie Harling of Worcester, Worcestershire.
Buried Amersfoort, (Oud Leusden) General Cemetery, Utrecht, Netherlands.
Grave Ref: Plot 13. Row 12. Joint Grave 196-197.
(County Police).

HARRIS, FREDERICK ALBERT. Leading Aircraftman, 1289283.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Died Sunday 30 August 1942. Aged 31.
Son of William and Elizabeth Susan Harris.
Husband of Mary Harris of Lyminge, Kent.
Buried Yaba Cemetery, Lagos, Nigeria. Grave Ref: Plot 4. Row A. Grave 7.
(Public Assistance Department).

HEINE, FREDERICK WALTER. Special Constable.
Died Tuesday 15 October 1940. Aged 40.
Born East Malling, Kent.
Son of Emily Heine (nee Woodger) of Mill Street, East Malling, Kent.
Husband of Lilian Mary Heine of Heathfield, London Road, Addington, Kent.
Frederick was numbered amongst those who died or were injured at the Royal Oak Inn, Wrotham Heath, Kent, on 15 October 1940. A number of the most seriously injured were taken to the Preston Hall Emergency Hospital, Aylesford, Maidstone, Kent, where some sadly later succumbed to their injuries.
(County Police).

HENRY, MARTIN. Rescue Partyman.
Civil Defence.
Died Sunday 29 October 1944. Aged 41.
(Air Raid Precaution Department).

HIPKISS, ARTHUR VICTOR. Sergeant, 1385902.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 38 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Monday 15 November 1943.
Son of Mr. Arthur W. and Mrs. Elizabeth A. Hipkiss (nee Merritt) of Rochester, Kent.
Husband of Mrs. A. V. Hipkiss.
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 270.
Arthur's birth was registered in the Medway, Kent, District during the second quarter of 1915.
(Leybourne Grange Staff).

HOLLAND, JOHN DE BEAUVOIR. Pilot Officer (Pilot), 169116.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 183 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Friday 11 February 1944. Aged 23.
Son of Captain Arthur Henry Holland and Valerie L. de Lisle Holland, of St. Elena, Ameghino, Argentine.
Buried Chichester Cemetery, Sussex.
Grave Ref: Square 115. Church of England Plot. Grave 25.
(Public Health Department).

HORN, WILLIAM THOMAS BOURNE. Sergeant.
Police War Reserve.
Died Sunday 7 September 1941. Aged 61.
Resided at 48, Burlington Mansions, Dover, Kent.
Husband of Mary Ellen Horn.
William probably served during the Great War as Corporal, 90941, Royal Garrison Artillery, he died at Burlington Mansions, Dover, Kent.
(County Police).
For far more comprehensive details appertaining to Jeese, please also see the excellent Dover War Memorial Project website.

HUGGINS, STEPHEN GEORGE JAMES. Police Constable.
Died Saturday 31 October 1942. Aged 37.
Resided at 96, Spenser Road, Herne Bay; Kent.
Son of William Huggins, and of the late Mary Ann Huggins.
Stephen was injured at Herne Bay, and died later the same day whilst a patient at the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital, King Edward Avenue, Herne Bay; Kent.
Stephen's birth was registered in the Medway, Kent, District during the last quarter of 1905.
(County Police).

JACKSON, CLIFFORD. Gunner, 14668280.
28 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery.
Died Tuesday 16 October 1945. Aged 29.
Born Lancashire. Resided Canterbury, Kent.
Son of William and Elizabeth Jackson of Radcliffe, Lancashire.
Husband of Elsie Jackson of Radcliffe, Lancashire.
Buried Taukkyan War Cemetery, Myanmar. Grave Ref: 17. A. 6.
(County Police).

JAY, THOMAS. Leading Aircraftman, 812137.
500 Squadron, Royal Air Force (Auxiliary Air Force).
Died Friday 13 August 1943. Aged 32.
Son of Charles William and Alice Maud Jay.
Husband of Betty Evelyn Jay of Headington, Oxfordshire.
Buried Le Petit Lac Cemetery, Oran, Algeria. Grave Ref: Plot E. Row E. Grave 9.
Thomas's squadron was formed at Manston, Kent on 16 March 1931 as a Special Reserve unit, and consisted of half regular and half reserve personnel. On 25 May 1936 the squadron was transferred from the Special Reserve to the Auxiliary Air Force. Flying Hudson's the squadron moved from the United Kingdom in November to Algeria, soon after the Allied landings, where it was engaged in anti-submarine patrols over the Western Mediterranean.
(Leybourne Grange Staff).

JELLIS, P.E. (Licensing Department). No trace.
Only three Second World War casualties with the surname Jellis are commemorated by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, none of whom have the initials P.E. Several variances of the surname were entered on Geoff Sullivan's superb search engine. Other searches revealed that the birth of a **PERCY EDMUND JELLIS** was registered in the Maidstone, Kent, District during the last quarter of 1898. Percy was the son of Edmund and Elizabeth Jellis, who at the time of the 1901 census resided at 20, Albany Street, Maidstone, Kent. As the book 'Kent ~The County Administration in War 1939~1945,' was published by Kent County Council in December 1946, it would mean that the death of P.E. Jellis occurred prior to that time, and probably during the Second World War.

JONES, CHARLES JOHN AUSTEN. Special Constable.
Died Thursday 29 May 1941. Aged 33.
Son of Mrs. Emmie Jones and the late Mr. Robert Jones of 67, Oswald Road, Dover, Kent.
Husband of Ivy Jones (nee Pott) of 31, Morehall Avenue, Cheriton, Folkestone, Kent.
Charles died at his home 31, Morehall Avenue, Cheriton, Folkestone, Kent.
Commemorated on Second World War memorial plaque located in the parish church of All Souls, Cheriton, Folkestone, Kent. Charles being one of the twenty three Cheriton civilians named on the plaque.
(County Police).

JOSTY, CLIFFORD. Police Constable.
Died December 1940. Aged 26.
Born Willesden, Middlesex.
Based at Folkestone, Kent, Clifford was fatally injured on duty when he was thrown from his motorcycle whilst out on patrol.
(County Police).

KETTLE, HENRY. Constable.
Police War Reserve.
Died Saturday 7 September 1940. Aged 30.
Son of Henry Kettle of Rose Cottage, Mill Lane, Hawkinge, Kent, and of Annie Kettle. Henry died at Mill Lane, Hawkinge, Kent. Henry appears to have been a twin, as the CWGC also commemorates 30 year old Helen Kettle of the same address, and parentage who died at the same location on the same day.
(County Police).

LAMBERT, THOMAS. Rescue Partyman.
Civil Defence.
Died Monday 30 October 1944.
Thomas died of his injuries whilst a patient at the West Kent General Hospital, Maidstone, Kent.
(Air Raid Precaution Department).

LANCHBERY, PERCY RAE. Sergeant, 741830.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 224 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Monday 27 January 1941.
Commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial. Panel 47.
(Public Assistance Department).

LOCKE, G.E.M. Best match for the casualty who is commemorated in the book 'Kent ~The County Administration in War 1939~1945,' appears to be the following Kent sailor:-

LOCKE, GEORGE ERNEST. Leading Airman, FAA/JX. 234649.
Royal Navy, H.M.S. Cormorant.
Died Tuesday 27 October 1942. Aged 22.
Son of Ernest Joseph and Ellen Locke of Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Commemorated on the Lee-on-Solent Memorial. Bay 3, Panel 2.
(Public Assistance Department).

MATHEW, MONTAGUE GORDON CHRISTOPHER. Sub-Lieutenant (A).
Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. H.M.S. Furious.
Died Monday 15 November 1943.
Son of Christopher Gordon and Vera Frances Mathew of Bromley, Kent.
Commemorated on the Lee-on-Solent Memorial. Bay 4, Panel 7.
(Air Raid Precaution Department).

MAYCOCK, WILLIAM CHARLES. Police Constable.
Dover Borough Police.
Died Saturday 24 August 1940. Aged 31.
Son of Louisa Maycock of 20, Chilham Road, Folkestone, Kent, and of the late W. C. Maycock.
Husband of Mary Alice Maycock of 15, Chevalier Road, Elms Vale, Dover, Kent.
William died at his home 15, Chevalier Road, Elms Vale, Dover, Kent, during a bombing raid.
William is commemorated in the Dover, Kent, Second World War, Book of Remembrance which is currently held in the safe keeping of the Dover Museum, Market Square, Dover, Kent, CT16 1PB.

(County Police).
For far more comprehensive details appertaining to William, please also see the excellent Dover War Memorial Project website.

McGAW, NEIL MCARTHUR. Pilot Officer (Pilot), 173338.
625, Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Thursday 4 May 1944.
Buried Trouan-le-Petit, Aube, France. Grave Ref: Collective grave 3.
(County Police).

MEAKIN, HARRY. Ordinary Seaman, P/JX 261781.
Royal Navy, H.M.S. Hood.
Died Sunday 24 May 1942. Aged 28.
Son of Fred and Nellie Meakin.
Husband of May Meakin of East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent.
Commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial. Panel 51, Column 1, and on the H.M.S. Hood Memorial, in the Hood Chapel, Church of St John the Baptist, Boldre, Hampshire. For comprehensive information appertaining to Harry's ship, please see the excellent website www.hmshood.com it being that of the H.M.S. Hood Association.
(Finance Department).

MERRALLS, PETER ERNEST. D.F.C., D.F.M. Warrant Officer (Pilot), 742016.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 106 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Saturday 1 August 1942. Aged 24.
Born Medway, Kent.
Son of Ernest Robert and Mabel Rose Merralls (nee Attwood) of Gillingham, Kent.
Buried Rheinberg War Cemetery, Kamp Lintfort, Nordrhein-Westfal, Germany.
Grave Ref: 1. G. 16.
(Licensing Department).
Another decorated hero of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve from Gillingham, Kent, is also at rest in the same cemetery, he being Squadron Leader (Pilot), Robert A. M. Palmer, V.C., D.F.C. and Bar. Died 23 December 1944. Aged 24. Grave Ref: Joint grave 14. C. 13-14.

MESSENT, FREDERICK. Sergeant, 812073.
500 Squadron, Royal Air Force (Auxiliary Air Force).
Died Tuesday 13 August 1940. Aged 27.
Son of Harry and Elizabeth Messent of Maidstone, Kent.
Buried Maidstone Cemetery, Kent. Grave Ref: Special Memorial Plot C.C.1. Grave 99. Special memorials commemorate 7 men who were among 16 killed by a bomb at Detling aerodrome in August 1940. They are at rest in adjacent graves but regrettably they could not be individually identified, one of whom is Frederick.
(Roads Department).

MILHAM, GEORGE EDWARD. Gunner, 14253879.
142 (The Royal North Devon Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery.
Died Saturday 15 January 1944. Aged 28.
Born and resided Hastings, Sussex.
Son of Sidney and Alice Grace Milham.
Husband of Jeanne Kathleen Milham of Pett Level, Sussex.
Buried Minturno War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref: II. G. 9.
(County Police).

MILLARD, ARTHUR THOMAS. Lieutenant (A).
Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. H.M.S. Illustrious.
Died Thursday 12 April 1945. Aged 25.
Son of Arthur Frederick and Lucy Millard.
Husband of Vera Ivy Millard.
Commemorated on the Lee-on-Solent Memorial. Bay 6, Panel 3.
(County Police).

MITCHELL, FRANK ERNEST. Flying Officer (Bomb Aimer), 129679.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 431 Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Force.
Died Tuesday 18 July 1944.
Son of James Frederick and Jane Mitchell.
Husband of Dorothy Lilian Mitchell of Folkestone, Kent.
Buried Cramoisy Communal Cemetery, Oise, France.
Commemorated on the Folkestone, Kent, civic war memorial, and on Second World War memorial plaque located in the parish church of All Souls, Cheriton, Folkestone, Kent, also on a similar plaque located in the parish church of St. Johns, Folkestone, Kent.
(County Police).

MITCHENER, GEORGE JAMES. Sergeant (Navigator), 1389928.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 166 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Wednesday 26 May 1943. Aged 28.
Son of George Henry and Florence Emily Mitchener of Brighton, Sussex.
Buried Eindhoven (Woensel) General Cemetery, Baffinlaan, Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Grave Ref: Plot EE. Collective grave 34-35.
(County Police).

NICHOLSON, J. Able Seaman. No clear trace. (County Police).

NORTH, GEOFFREY. Sergeant (Air Gunner), 1627763.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 101 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Saturday 27 November 1943. Aged 19.
Son of Eric Philip and Bella Mary North of Herne Bay, Kent.
Buried Durnbach War Cemetery, Bayern, Germany.
Grave Ref: Collective grave 11. C. 26-28.
(Air Raid Precaution Department).

OLIVE, JOHN. Special Constable.
Died Wednesday 28 August 1940. Aged 55
Husband of A. E. Olive of 89 Beatty Avenue, Gillingham, Kent.
John died whilst a patient at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, Kent.
(County Police).

OVENDEN, FREDERICK GEORGE. Leading Aircraftman, 1626444.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Died Wednesday 6 December 1944. Aged 26.
Son of George and Lucy Ovenden.
Husband of Phyllis Violet Ovenden of Dartford, Kent.
Commemorated on the Ottawa Memorial, Green Island, City of Ottawa, Canada.
Panel 3. Column 3.
(County Police).

PALANDRI, SYLVIO JULES. Sergeant (Pilot), 1271049.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Died Friday 14 August 1942. Aged 20.
Son of Arthur and Marie Louise Palandri of Colwinston, Glamorganshire, Wales.
Buried Hawarden Cemetery, Flintshire, Wales. Grave Ref: Sec. 4G. Grave 25.
(Education Department).

PANKHURST, HARRY THOMAS REDVERS. Special Constable.
Died Friday 16 June 1944. Aged 43.
Son of Mr. E. H. Pankhurst of 15 Westfield Cottages, Fawkham Road. West Kingsdown.
Sevenoaks. Kent.
Husband of Mabel Kathleen Pankhurst of The Bungalow, Ingress Abbey Estate, Greenhithe,
Dartford, Kent.
Harry died at Rochester Way, Bexley, Kent.
(County Police).

PARKER, RONALD. Police Constable.
Died Saturday 7 September 1940. Aged 23.
Resided at Cornerway, Canterbury Road, Hawkinge, Folkestone, Kent.
Son of Henry Parker of 7 Rothesay Road Oldham, Lancashire.
Died at Mill Lane, Hawkinge, Folkestone, Kent. (County Police).

PICKERING, GEORGE. Trooper, 14370248.
Royal Armoured Corps.
Died Saturday 21 August 1943. Aged 31.
Born Grimsby, Lincolnshire. Resided Kent.
Son of Walter Humphrey and Ann Pickering (nee Plumtree) of Scarthoe, Grimsby, Lincolnshire.
Husband of Hylde Mabel Pickering.
Buried Scarthoe (St. Giles) Churchyard, Lincolnshire.
(Public Health Department).

POTTEN, ARTHUR EDWARD. Special Constable.
Died Sunday 5 October 1940. Aged 43.
Son of Mrs. M. W. Potten of 2 Mayfield Terrace, Lyminge, Kent.
Husband of Helen Grace Potten of The Street, Postling, Hythe, Kent.
Died at The Leas junction, Earls Avenue, Folkestone, Kent.
Commemorated on Second World War memorial plaque located in the parish church of St. Mary
and St. Radegund, Postling, Hythe, Kent.
(County Police).

QUY, ARTHUR JOHN WILLIAM. Leading Motor Mechanic, P/MX 501468.
Royal Navy, H.M.S. Hornet.
Died Sunday 18 July 1943.
Born Lambeth, Surrey 1905.
Son of Ernest and Martha Quy (nee Trenfield).
Husband of Dorothy Evelyn Quy of Upper Norwood, Surrey.
Commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial. Panel 78, Column 3.
(Public Health Department).

READ, FREDERICK ARTHUR. D.F.C. Pilot Officer, 128958.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Died Monday 18 January 1943. Aged 29.
Son of Frederick Lionel and Dorothy Read.
Husband of Doris Marian Read of Paddington, London.
Commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial. Panel 133, and on the Benenden, Kent, civic war
memorial.
(Roads Department).

REEVES, DEREK JAMES. Sergeant (Air Gunner), 1890497.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 103 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Friday 23 February 1945. Aged 20.
Son of James Manley Reeves and Esther Margaret Reeves of Eastbourne, Sussex.
Buried Durnbach War Cemetery, Bayern, Germany.
Grave Ref: Collective grave 8. G. 1-4.
(Finance Department).

ROGERS, REGINALD JOHN. Sergeant.
Special Constabulary.
Died Thursday 19 September 1940. Aged 40.
Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Rogers of The Lodge, Crowsley Park, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.
Husband of Daisy Alexandra Rogers of Witheridge, Lebanon Gardens, Biggin Hill, Kent.
Reginald died at Journey's End, Lebanon Gardens, Biggin Hill, Kent.
(County Police).

RUSSELL, GEORGE ERNEST. Constable.
Special Constabulary.
Died Monday 18 October 1943. Aged 62.
Husband of Louisa Violet Russell, of 78 Dover Road East, Northfleet, Kent.
George died at his home 78, Dover Road East, Northfleet, Kent, as did his wife 54 year old Louisa Violet Russell, and their 14 year old daughter Elsie Primrose Russell.
(County Police).

RUSSELL, SYDNEY. Police Constable.
Died Saturday 29 January 1944. Aged 37.
Son of Ernest Sydney and Alice Mildred Russell of Church Cottage, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent.
Husband of Henrietta Louise Russell of 5 School Avenue, Gillingham, Kent.
Sydney died at his home 5 School Avenue, Gillingham, Kent.
(County Police).

SMALL, LEONARD JOHN.
Died Saturday 2 November 1940. Aged 57.
Resided at of Holmdene, Tubbenden Lane, Farnborough, Kent.
Leonard died at the Tubbenden Lane Junction, Farnborough, Kent.
It would seem likely that Leonard was probably a native of East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent, whose parents were Maidstone, Kent natives Benjamin and Kate Small (nee Potter).
(Roads Department).

SMITH, RAYMOND ALGERNON REEVES.
Flight Sergeant (Air Bomber), 1335530.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 166 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Tuesday 15 February 1944. Aged 22.
Son of Norman Leslie and Emma Smith (nee Reeves) of Maidstone, Kent.
Husband of Elsie Agnes Smith of Maidstone, Kent.
Buried Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany. Grave Ref: 8. D. 20.
(Buildings Department).

SNELLER, PERCY WILLIAM. Police Constable.

Police War Reserve.

Died Monday 23 March 1942. Aged 60.

Husband of A. K. Sneller of 5, Millais Road, Dover, Kent.

Percy died at the Conservative Club, Dover, Kent, during an enemy air raid by four Junkers JU-88 bombers just before 2100 hours on the evening of 23 March 1942; he was in the company of Police Sergeant William Austen, who is also commemorated in the Dover, Kent, Second World War Book of Remembrance. Having jointly inherited his late father Frank's haulage business with his brother Arthur in 1900, and then called it Sneller Brothers, Arthur died in 1906, after which Percy became 'sole proprietor' and the company name changed to P.W. Sneller. Over many years the company expanded and it's lorries very often seen, primarily four wheeled tippers in the Dover and East Kent area, until the company ceased trading in 1979, after having been in existence since the 1860's, during which time employing local labour.

(County Police).

SPENCER, VIOLET ELEANOR.

Died Sunday 8 November 1942. Aged 42.

Daughter of Edward Henry Spencer, and of Ada Jane Spencer 2 Grafton Avenue, Rochester, Kent.

Violet died at 2 Grafton Avenue, Rochester, Kent; as did her 69 year old mother.

(Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths).

STAMMERS, CHARLES PHILLIP. Signalman, C/J75151.

Royal Navy, H.M.S. Kelvin.

Died Saturday 10 February 1940. Aged 38.

Son of Charles Ambrose and Lydia Stammers of Romford, Essex.

Buried Romford Cemetery, Essex. Grave Ref: Section K.K. Grave 808.

(County Police).

STAPLETON, ALFRED WILLIAM. Rifleman, 14311519.

Queen Victoria's Rifles, King's Royal Rifle Corps.

Serving in No. 5 Commando.

Died Wednesday 31 January 1945. Aged 26.

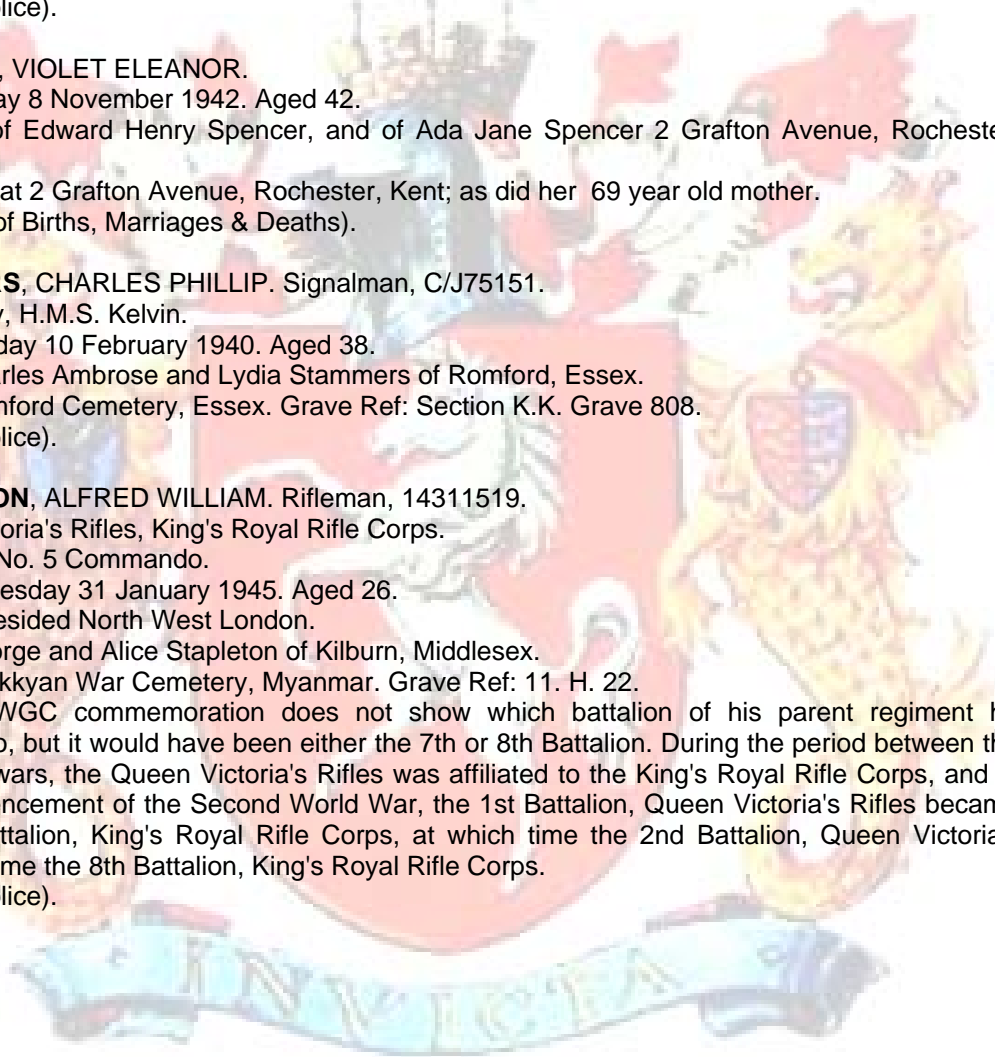
Born and resided North West London.

Son of George and Alice Stapleton of Kilburn, Middlesex.

Buried Taukkyan War Cemetery, Myanmar. Grave Ref: 11. H. 22.

Alfred's CWGC commemoration does not show which battalion of his parent regiment he belonged to, but it would have been either the 7th or 8th Battalion. During the period between the two world wars, the Queen Victoria's Rifles was affiliated to the King's Royal Rifle Corps, and at the commencement of the Second World War, the 1st Battalion, Queen Victoria's Rifles became the 7th Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps, at which time the 2nd Battalion, Queen Victoria's Rifles became the 8th Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps.

(County Police).



SUTHERLAND, JOHN SINCLAIR. Flight Sergeant (Navigator), 1394668.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 78 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Monday 21 February 1944. Aged 21.

Son of William and Ada Ellen Sutherland of Gillingham, Kent.

Buried Choloy War Cemetery, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France. Grave Ref: 1. B. 3.

The cemetery where John is now at rest was created by the Army Graves Service for the re-burial of casualties recovered from isolated sites, communal cemeteries, and small churchyards in north-eastern France where permanent maintenance of the graves was not possible. In 1950, for the same reason the Commonwealth War Graves Commission found it necessary to move in to this cemetery more than 100 graves from a number of churchyards and civil cemeteries in the same area. Those who lie in Choloy War Cemetery are mostly airmen; but there are also soldiers belonging to the forces of the United Kingdom who died in the Saar region during the first few months of the Second World War.

(Public Health Department).

SUTTON, ROY JOHN. Sergeant (Pilot), 1269173.

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Died Saturday 7 November 1942. Aged 20.

Son of Norman and Daisy Sutton of Dover, Kent.

Commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial. Panel 94, and in the Dover, Kent, Second World War Book of Remembrance, also in the Dover, Kent, Grammar School for Boys, Second World War Book of Remembrance, where Roy was a pupil from 1933 to 1939.

On completion of his pilot training in South Africa, Roy was promoted to Sergeant (Pilot), and posted to R.A.F. Turnberry, Ayrshire, Scotland as a staff pilot flying Avro Anson's with No. 5 (Coastal) OTU (Coastal Command Operational Training Unit). Following his time spent at Turnberry flying Anson's, Roy then flew Bristol Beaufort, torpedo bombers, and died on the night of 7 November 1942 when his aircraft crashed into the sea off the coast off Ayrshire, Scotland during a night exercise. Roy's good friend, 28 year old Sergeant, (Wireless Operator/Air Gunner) Robert A.N. St. John Farnon, R.A.F. (V.R.) was also killed in the crash, his body was recovered and he is buried at Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey. In his sphere prior to the war, Robert was both well known and much in demand as the singer Robert (Bob) Ashley. Regularly performing with such popular bands as George Elrick, Jack Payne and many others, including Louis Levy in his 'Music from the Movies' programme. Due to his popularity and 'star status,' Robert was cajoled by his superior officers into becoming an R.A.F. Drill Instructor which would have secured him a safer posting and left him freer to 'entertain the troops' and to a lesser extent to carry on with his pre service career, but he stuck to his guns (no pun intended), and pointed out that he had enlisted to serve with an operational unit. Whilst this is a brief tribute to his friend Roy Sutton, it seemed right to also draw attention to his crewman, not for his fame and star status, but for his determination to really do his bit at the sharp end of the Royal Air Force in the war. Shortly after Roy's death his unit moved on 29 December 1942, to R.A.F. Long Kesh, Lisburn, Northern Ireland, using Maghaberry as a satellite from February to September 1943. During 1943 a number of changes took place, In February, No. 3 (Anson) Preliminary Training Flight was transferred to No 10 Radio School, by November, Beaufort training was being cut back due to successes in the Mediterranean and Hampden's were replaced by Ventura's and Hudson's were transferred from No. 1 (C)) OUT. Early in February 1944 the unit moved back to R.A.F. Turnberry, and in April it took over No 1 Torpedo Training Unit and Beaufighters began to replace Beauforts. In May 1944 the ASR Training Unit was absorbed from Thornaby and the unit was now operating Beaufighters, Ventura's, Hudson's, Warwick's, Oxford's and Martinet's. By the time that the unit was disbanded on 1 August 1945, it had also added Wellington's and a Spitfire. When it closed the Warwick commitment was transferred to No. 6 (Coastal) Operational Training Unit.

(County Clerks Department).

For additional comprehensive family details appertaining to Roy, please also see the excellent Dover War Memorial Project website.

TAWSE, WILLIAM JOHNSTON. Chief Motor Mechanic 4th Class, C/MX 116263.
Royal Navy, H.M.S. Pembroke II.
Died Friday 4 May 1945. Aged 28.
Son of William Walker Tawse and Helen Johnston Tawse of Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
Buried Royal Tunbridge Wells Cemetery, Kent.
Grave Ref: Consecrated Section 17C. Grave 692.
(County Police).

THAIN, RONALD FRANK. Flying Officer (Pilot), 124843.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Died Saturday 27 March 1943.
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Archibald Thain.
Husband of Eileen Dorothy Thain (nee Tolputt) of Dover, Kent.
Buried Charlton Cemetery, Dover, Kent. Grave Ref: Section 2.U. Grave 23.
(County Police).
For far more comprehensive details appertaining to Ronald, please also see the excellent Dover War Memorial Project website.

TICEHURST, FREDERICK CHARLES. Police Constable.
Died Saturday 24 August 1940. Aged 36.
Born Tonbridge, Kent.
Son of Annie Elizabeth Ticehurst (nee East) of 42, Western Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and of the late William Ticehurst.
Husband of Ellen C. Ticehurst of 25, Station Approach Road, Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Frederick died at his home 25, Station Approach Road, Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
(County Police).

TOOMEY, EDWARD JOHN. (Formerly JACKSON). Police Messenger.
Air Training Corps.
Died Tuesday 11 August 1942. Aged 16.
Son of Hilda May Toomey (formerly Jackson) of 57, St. Leonards Road, Deal, Kent, and of the late Herbert George Jackson.
Edward died at Albert Road, Deal, Kent.
(County Police).

TURNER, MAURICE. Sergeant, 1389695.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 467 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Thursday 6 January 1944. Aged 38.
Son of Herbert John and Eunice Mary Turner.
Husband of Rosetta Florence Clara Turner of Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.
Commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial. Panel 239, and on the Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent, civic war memorial.
(County Police).

UPTON, ARTHUR JOHN WOOD. Lance Corporal, 14249660.
Corps of Military Police.
Died Saturday 29 January 1944. Aged 28.
Born and resided Kent.
Son of Arthur Anthony and Bertha Elizabeth Upton of Strood, Rochester, Kent.
Husband of Evelyn Peggy Upton of Strood, Rochester, Kent.
Buried Rochester (St. Margarets) Cemetery, Kent.
Grave Ref: Section J. Grave 235.
(County Police).

UPTON, PETER WILLIAM. Flight Sergeant (Wireless Op./Air Gunner), 1336538.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 514 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Saturday 22 January 1944. Aged 21.
Son of William George and Dorothy Upton of Burnt Ash Lane, Bromley, Kent.
Buried Harlingen General Cemetery, Friesland, Netherlands.
Grave Ref: Plot E. Row 4. Grave 2.
(Air Raid Precaution Department).

WAITT, WILLIAM THOMAS. Pilot Officer (Pilot), 158032.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 76 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Sunday 3 October 1943. Aged 21.
Son of Captain William Edwin Waitt (Indian Army) and Bertha Lillian Waitt of Wigmore, Kent.
Buried Hanover War Cemetery, Germany. Grave Ref: Collective grave 5. K. 1-6.
(Finance Department).
William's father had served in the Kent Cyclist Battalion, and the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), and William's grandfather who had the same Christian names, had been a regular member of the Royal Engineers for many years.

WALKER, SAMUEL JOSEPH.
Died Friday 8 November 1940. Aged 38.
Husband of Alice Walker of 55 Bryanston Street, London, W.1.
Samuel died at Beaverwood House, Chislehurst, Kent.
(Public Assistance Department).

WARNE, ROBERT GEORGE. Aircraftman 2nd Class, 1864961.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Died Sunday 19 March 1944. Aged 57.
Son of Arthur and Mary Ann Warne of Slades Green. Erith, Kent.
Buried Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridgeshire. Grave Ref: Grave 13511.
(Air Raid Precaution Department).

WARNER, WILLIAM GEORGE. Special Constable.
Special Constabulary.
Died Tuesday 23 September 1942. Aged 40.
Son of Mrs. Rose (formerly Warner) of 110, Green Lane, Eltham, London, and of the late John Warner.
Husband of Elsie Lilian Warner of 2, Victoria Road, Chatham, Kent.
William was injured at the Royal Pavilion Hotel, Folkestone, Kent, during an enemy bombing raid, and succumbed to his injuries later the same day whilst a patient at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Radnor Park Avenue, Folkestone, Kent.
(County Police).

WATKINS, JOHN GEORGE. Sergeant (Air Bomber), 1390906.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 166 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Tuesday 26 May 1943.
Buried Eindhoven (Woensel) General Cemetery, Baffinlaan, Noord-Brabant, Netherlands. Grave Ref: Plot EE. Collective grave 34-35.
(County Police).

WELBURN, J. Sergeant. As commemorated in the book 'Kent-The County Administration in War 1939~1945.' Unfortunately the CWGC commemorations show three possible casualties, one of whom has a number of Kent connections. Because it has not been possible to ascertain which of the three casualties is the man recorded by the Kent County Council. The best match appears to be the following non commissioned officer serving in one of the Kent infantry regiments.

WELBURN, JOHN RAYMOND. Sergeant, 6288524.
4th Battalion, The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).
Died Sunday 14 November 1943. Aged 25.
Born and resided Kent.
Son of George and Fanny Welburn of Worth, Deal, Kent.
Buried Leros War Cemetery, Greece. Grave Ref: 3. C. 3.
Pre war member of The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).
(Education Department).

WELLARD, CYRIL ERNEST. Pilot Officer (Air Bomber), 131125.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 100 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Wednesday 21 April 1943.
Son of James and Edith Wellard.
Husband of Betty Margaret Wellard of Boughton, Kent.
Buried Lemvig Cemetery, Western Jutland, Denmark. Grave Ref: Grave 706.
It would seem likely that when he died Cyril was about 27 years old, as the birth of a Cyril E. Wellard was registered in the West Ashford, Kent, District during the last quarter of 1915.
(County Police).

WHEELER, ROBERT. Special Constable.
Died Friday 1 September 1944. Aged 55.
Resided at the Pavilion Bungalow, Lower Road, Kearsney, Dover, Kent.
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler of 107, Charles Street, Tredegar, Monmouthshire, Wales.
Husband of the late Kathleen Wheeler.
Robert was injured at his home the Pavilion Bungalow, Lower Road, Kearsney, Dover, Kent, and died later the same day whilst a patient at the Casualty Hospital, Union Road, Dover, Kent.
(County Police).

WHITE, R. Sergeant. As commemorated in the book 'Kent ~The County Administration in War 1939~1945.' Unfortunately the CWGC commemorations show several possible casualties. Checking in/on the Army Roll of Honour-World War II, revealed no matching 'Kent' soldiers. In view of the foregoing findings, it would seem likely that the man recorded in the book was either an airman or Royal Marine. Because it has not been possible to ascertain which of the casualties is the man recorded by the Kent County Council. The following casualty, who appears to be the best match, should be viewed with an element of caution, particularly by anybody carrying out further research based on same.

WHITE, RAYMOND WILLIAM. Sergeant (Pilot), 1331366.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 218 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Friday 26 February 1943. Aged 20.
Son of William and Mabel White of Gravesend, Kent.
Buried Durnbach War Cemetery, Bayern, Germany. Grave Ref: 2. B. 14.
(Air Raid Precaution Department).

WILLS, PAMELA. Air Raid Warden.
Died Sunday 20 April 1941. Aged 21.
Resided at Elm Lodge, 68, St. Margarets Street, Rochester, Kent.
Died at St. Margaret's Street, Rochester, Kent, as did her 60 year old widowed mother Mrs. Annie Louisa Wills, and also Pamela's brother Richard, who is the next casualty briefly commemorated below.
(Air Raid Precaution Department).

WILLS, RICHARD DANIEL JAY. Special Constable.
Special Constabulary.
Died Sunday 20 April 1941. Aged 37.
Resided at Elm Lodge, 68, St. Margarets Street, Rochester, Kent.
Died at St. Margaret's Street, Rochester, Kent.
(County Police).

WILMOT, EDGAR JAMES. Sergeant (Navigator), 1801568.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Died Wednesday 10 January 1945.
Buried Sevenoaks (Greatness) Cemetery, Kent.
Grave Ref: Section B. Consecrated Grave 1728.
(County Police).

WILSON, CLAUDE ROBERT. D.F.C. Flight Lieutenant (Pilot), 144288.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 158 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Monday 12 November 1945.
Buried Tripoli Military Cemetery, Libya. Grave Ref: 12. H. 27.
Commemorated in the Dover, Kent, Second World War Book of Remembrance. Claude was a pupil at the Dover, Kent Grammar School for Boys from 1935 to 1939, where he is also commemorated in the Second World War Book of Remembrance. In the churchyard of St. James, Lissett, Driffield, Yorkshire, is a memorial to 158 Squadron, Royal Air Force, No. 4 Group, Bomber Command, in the Second World War.
Claude's squadron was reformed on 14 February 1942 at R.A.F. Driffield, Yorkshire from a nucleus provided by No. 104 Squadron, R.A.F. and equipped with Wellington bombers until June when Halifaxes arrived. At the same time the squadron moved to a new home at R.A.F. East Moor, Sutton-on-the-Forest, Yorkshire, and then in November to R.A.F. Rufforth, York, Yorkshire. In February 1943, the squadron moved to what would be its main wartime home of R.A.F. Lissett, Driffield, Yorkshire, from it operated as part of Bomber Command's Main Force for the remainder of the war. Halifax III aircraft arrived in January 1944 and at the same time 'C' Flight was used to provide the basis of No 640 Squadron, which immediately moved to R.A.F. Leconfield, Beverley, Yorkshire. After the war, the squadron together with the rest of No 4 Group, was transferred to Transport Command and began receiving Stirling IV aircraft in June. These were taken to Stradishall in August, from where it conducted trooping flights to the Middle East and India until disbanding on 31 December 1945. Claude's brother, Flying Officer John Ernest Wilson, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 205 Squadron, Royal Air Force, also died and is commemorated on the Singapore Memorial. Tragically the day after Claude had received his Distinguished Flying Cross at Buckingham Palace on 21 November 1944, his father Ernest was badly injured by a V2 flying bomb, and he sadly succumbed to his injuries the following day whilst a patient at the Woolwich and District War Memorial Hospital.
(County Police).

WILSON, LESLIE REDVERS. Sergeant (Observer), 918573.
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. 21 Squadron, Royal Air Force.
Died Saturday 21 June 1941.
Buried Longuenesse (St. Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.
Grave Ref: Plot 8. Row A. Grave 8.
(Education Department).

WOOD, FARNELL SEYMOUR. Sergeant, 6346180.
5th Battalion, Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.
Died Tuesday 10 November 1942. Aged 25.
Born Rochdale, Lancashire. Resided Kent.
Son of William Charles Clayton Wood and Agnes Wood.
Husband of Joan Frances Wood of Exeter, Devon.
Heliopolis War Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref: 3. E. 4.
Pre war member of the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.
(Public Health Department).

